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## **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 31, 2008**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 31, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley **(ABS)**  
Ronald L. Griffin  
Mohamed Okdie  
Willie Hampton

Sgt. Romel Alexander  
PO Eric Hill  
PO Heshimu Green  
PO Johnell White  
PO Abdon Ruiz, Jr  
PO Robert Boroski  
PO James Watson

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
Cmdr. Janice Butler  
Lt. Timothy Leach  
Lt. Donna Jarvis  
Sgt. Rodney Cox  
Sgt. Brian Harris  
Sgt. Ester Lightfoot  
Sgt. Robert Jackson  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO James Watson  
PO Felicia Jewell  
PO Walter Huggins II  
PO Lee Brown  
PO Tish Ross  
PO Derrick Maye

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director **(ABS)**  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott  
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin  
Edward Moore  
Media

**RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Ramirez** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:19 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, July 31, 2008**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, July 24, 2008**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

**1. CHAIRPERSON**

**PROMOTIONS: Request for promotions to the rank of Sergeant and Lieutenant**

**TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT**

- **SGT. MARTIN J. STEFAN**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **SGT. LURLINE P. WICKER**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **SGT. SANDRA JORDAN-MCKANE**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **CHARLES BRAXTON**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin

**TO RANK OF SERGEANT**

- **PO. BENARD C. BECK-O'STEEN**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. KENNETH J. GERMAIN**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. ANDREW E. GUNTZVILLER**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. JOHNNELL M. WHITE**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. KARL C. LAWSON**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. SHELLEY L. HOLDERBAUM**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin

- **PO. ABDON RUIZ, JR.**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. STACEY L. AMERINE**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. TAWAINA L. SNIPES-CRAIG**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. STACY M. CAVIN**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. KRISTIE L. PURDY**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. TISH L. ROSS**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. DERRICK MAYE**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. DANA RUSSELL**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. ROBERT H. BOROSKI**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin
- **PO. ERIC HILL**  
**MOTION:** Hampton **SECOND:** Griffin

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated to the new supervisors that they are the ones the officers will look to for guidance. She also asked if any of the newly promoted would like to say something.

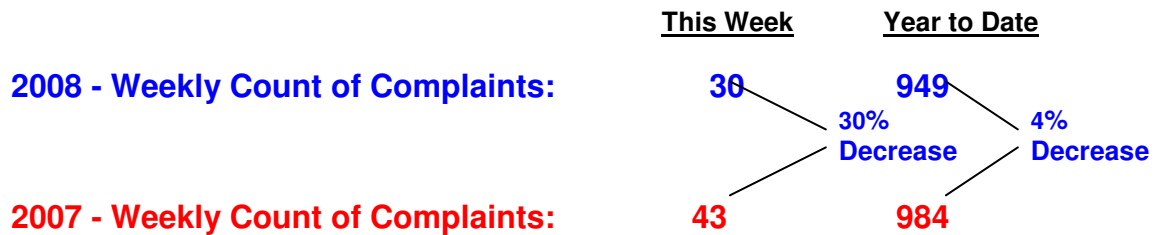
**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated those are the exact words she tells all the officers that are promoted to a supervisory position, because they are the two most important stable positions.

**Sgt. Boroski, Sgt. White, and Sgt. Hill** thanked the Board and Chief for this opportunity.

**Comm. Griffin** echoed what Comm. Ramirez and the Chief had stated that the Sergeants and Lieutenants can make or break a department.

## 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,139** active investigations, of which **771** of those are for 2008.

### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 07/31/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	CENTRAL				1					2	3
4	COMMUNICATIONS		2							2	4
5	EASTERN		4		1		2			1	8
2	NARCOTICS		2	1			2				5
1	NORTHEASTERN		1								1
4	NORTHWESTERN		1		1		1			2	5
1	SEX CRIME UNIT									1	1
3	SOUTHWESTERN		1				1	1		1	4
5	Unknown Command		2		1		1			2	6
1	VIOLENT CRIMES		1								1
1	WESTERN						1				1
<b>30</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>39</b>

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*



### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Domestic Violence**

On July 24th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 1000 block of Bewick on “Family Trouble” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm,” “Felony Assault” and “Domestic Violence,”

#### **Special Points of Interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday, August 7, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department  
1300 Beaubien st.  
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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## **Engaging the Community**

### **ATTENTION**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### **Northeastern District**

On July 25th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 8000 block of Gratiot on an "Armed Robbery," in progress. Upon the officers' arrival, they observed a subject armed with a shotgun attempting to escape. Due to the officers' quick response, the subject was arrested without incident and charged with "Assault with Intent to Commit Robbery Armed," "Malicious Destruction of Property over \$20,000," and "Felony Firearm." A shotgun was confiscated.



### **Western District**

On July 25th, officers of the Western District were approached by a complainant in the 9000 block of Petoskey, who had been robbed. Due to the officers' quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carjacking," "Assault with Robbery Armed," "Felonious Assault," and "Felony Firearm."



### **Central District**

On July 25th, officers of the Central District responded to the 900 block of Mt. Vernon on a "Breaking & Entering Business." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Resisting Arrest," "Larceny in Building," and "Habitual 2nd."



### **Northwestern District**

On July 23rd, officers of the Northwestern District in the area of West 7 Mile Road and Huntington conducting a traffic stop, approached the vehicle and observed a handgun on a subject's lap. Subsequent to the officers' investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearms," and "Habitual 4th."

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated AC Godbee recently held a meeting in her absence to help bridge the gap between the citizens and the department. She will hold another one and will hope the commissioners are available for the next one. She introduced Sgt. Lightfoot of Liquor License.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** gave a brief overview of the procedures and responsibilities of Liquor License.

**SEE ATTACHMENT**

**Comm. Ramirez** asked to know what a class C License entails.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated it's a License that allows you to consume alcohol on the premises.

**Comm. Hampton** asked if the State was involved in the Liquor License process.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated yes, City Council forwarded the information to them for approval.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked is a lounge required to get a permit to have music outside.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated yes, it is called an Outdoor Service Permit.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked is there an Insp. Coles in Liquor License.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated no.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked does the department do the license inspection or is it the State.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated the department can go in to make sure the place has all the required permits to operate.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked if a ticket is given, to whom is the ticket given.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated the manager or person who is in charge of the bar.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the supervisors within in the districts do most of the inspections.

**Comm. Hampton** asked if you own a building that offers spirits at a party, is a permit required.



**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated not if they are invited guests.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated if you aren't selling it.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated that's correct.

**Comm. Okdie** asked what about a donation.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated that is a gray area.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what about door prizes and giveaways.

**Comm. Okdie** stated what if it's by invitation only and they would like to make a donation.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated as long as they are invited guests.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked is there a charge for the License.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated yes, a corporation has to pay \$2,000.00 to apply for a license and \$750.00 for an individual.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked have the fees been increased.

**Chief Bully-Cumming** stated yes, it was approved by City Council about 2 years ago, but the fee didn't go into effect until March of this year.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked how much was the fee before the increase.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated she isn't sure but it was a significant increase, and all of the fees go into the City General Fund.

**Comm. Griffin** asked Sgt. Lightfoot to explain the process for a new business owner.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated you will start with the State and tell them what type of License you want. Secondly, the Liquor License paperwork would be sent and the department and State will do an investigation. After the investigation the department sends an answer back to the State, showing an approval or denial. The City Council only gets involved if there's a dance, entertainment or topless permit is required.

**Comm. Griffin** asked does the security of these establishments fall within these permits.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated that is upon the owner of the establishment.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated AC Dunlap went before City Council on Monday to raise the issue on extending the sale of spirits beyond 2:00 am. The department would like for these establishments to have security cameras on the outside of their businesses.

**Comm. Hampton** asked if an owner wants to sell his nightclub, do they have to go through the same process to sell the license.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated yes, or they can put it in escrow.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated you can keep it in escrow for 5 years.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated yes, ma'am.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated it was unlimited before.

**Sgt. Lightfoot** stated no, after 5 years they had to ask for an extension, and before they were able to keep them in escrow.

#### **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 7, 2008  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

## **10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**R. Scott** stated he was glad that the Chief held the meeting with the community regarding police shootings.

He invited the Board and Chief to come out and bike ride with them on Friday, 8/1/08 from Russell to downtown.

**Comm. Griffin** stated previously, you raised the issue about bike riders getting ticketed and then took it to City Council. He stated to Mr. Scott that he should be commended on the way he handled this issue.

**R. Scott** stated that he appreciated it.

**E. Moore** stated to the Board, Chief and members of the audience that Councilman Kenyatta's door is always open.

**Comm. Hampton** stated to the Chief that he recently read an article that stated it is legal to carry a conceal weapon without having a permit.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated there is nothing illegal about carrying a weapon that is not concealed. In order to carry a weapon that is concealed you must have a permit.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated just for clarification you still have to get a CCW permit.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated if the weapon is concealed, it has to always be observable in order for you to carry it without a CCW.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**